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OLIGONUCLEOTIDES
CONTAINING NON-
STANDARD NUCLEOTIDES

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**WITHDRAWAL OF CLAIM FOR SMALL ENTITY STATUS AND PAYMENT OF
DEFICIENCY UNDER 37 CFR § 1.28(C)**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

With regard to the above-referenced patent, enclosed please find a check in the amount of \$750.00 for payment pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.28(c) of the deficiency between the issue fee paid for the patent and the large entity fee, in accordance with the PTO fee schedule currently in effect.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.28(c), Applicant hereby requests correction of small entity status in the above-identified patent. The small entity status was established in good faith and the original payment in the small entity amount of the issue fee was made in good faith; however, it was later discovered that such status as a small entity was established in error. Acceptance of this deficiency payment under 37 CFR § 1.28(c) is respectfully requested. The patentee withdraws its claim for small entity status for this patent.

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.28(c)(2), below is the calculation and itemization of the deficiency owed:

Type of Fee Erroneously Paid: Issue Fee (1.18(a)).

Small Entity Fee Amount / Date Paid: \$650.00 / March 13, 2003.

Calculation of deficiency owed: (\$1400.00) - (\$650.00) = \$750.00

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Respectfully submitted,

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